

Sorting Game—Making Connections



You can read *Caps For Sale* in a way that highlights Making Connections, a Life Skill that promotes Executive Functions. This Life Skill is at the heart of learning—figuring out what’s the same and what’s different, and sorting these things into categories.

Making unusual connections is at the core of creativity. In a world where people can Google for information, it is the people who can see connections who are able to go beyond knowing information to using this information well.

You’ll need:

A bag of assorted small items per team or family—they don’t need to be similar or obviously related

Activities to try:

- Spill out the bag’s contents. Teams or families work together to sort them into categories. See how many different ways you can sort the items.
- Have one person sort the items into groups. When finished, the other person has to figure out the sorting rules or category names.
- Have one team or family sort its items. Then invite another team or family to figure out the sorting rules. The more creative (or complicated), the more fun!
- Let groups trade bags to try sorting with a new set of items.